



The HELP Commission

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe

Commission Overview

Mission: The Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People around the Globe (HELP) Commission shall develop and deliver actionable proposals to the President, Secretary of State and Congress to enhance and leverage the efficiency and effectiveness of U.S. foreign assistance programs in order to reduce poverty through the recipients' sustained economic growth and self-reliance. To further U.S. national security and foreign policy goals and objectives, the Commission will communicate the need for change and will make bold recommendations for structures, mechanisms, and incentives which will create definable, achievable and measurable outcomes that empower recipients.

Leadership: Mary K. Bush, who has served three U.S. Presidents, was appointed Chairman of the HELP Commission by President George W. Bush. Carol Adelman and Leo Hindery, Jr. serve as co-Vice Chairmen. Gayle Smith and Steve Berry, together with the Chairman and two Vice Chairmen, comprise the Management Committee.

Membership: The HELP Commission is a bipartisan Commission comprised of 21 members who were appointed to the Commission in 2004-2005 by one of five appointing officials.

Appointing Official:	The President	Senate Majority Leader	Senate Minority Leader	Speaker of the House	House Minority Leader
Appointees:	Mary Bush Carol Adelman Glenn Estess Benjamin Homan Walter Kansteiner David Williams	Steve Berry Jerome Climer Thomas Kleine Marty LaVor	Leo Hindery, Jr. Eric Postel Gayle Smith	Jennifer Dunn Nicholas Eberstadt William Lane Robert Michel	Lynn Fritz C. Payne Lucas Jeffrey Sachs

The Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), currently Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, serves as an *ex-officio* member.

Mandate: The Commission's mandate extends to programs run by more than 20 federal agencies conducting foreign assistance, including, but not limited to, food aid, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, economic development, democracy and governance promotion and security assistance.

Report Date: The Commission will formulate its recommendations into a final report, and deliver it to Congress, the President and the Secretary of State no later than December 2007.

The Honorable Mary K. Bush, Chairman

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